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SUBJECT: LOCK HAVEN STATE COLLEGE/MARIE CURIE-SKLODOWSKA  
UNIVERSITY (LUBLIN) EXCHANGE

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1. DR. CHARLES KENT, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT LOCK HAVEN STATE COLLEGE IN LOCK HAVEN, PENNSYLVANIA, VISITED POLAND MAY 11-17, TO CONCLUDE AN EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN HIS INSTITUTION AND MARIE CURIE-SKLODOWSKA UNIVERSITY (MCSU) IN LUBLIN. UNDER TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT, APPROXIMATELY 10 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS IN A VARIETY OF FIELDS WILL TRAVEL TO POLAND IN MID-SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR TO BEGIN ONCE ACADEMIC YEAR OF STUDY AT MCSU IN LUBLIN. MCSU WILL SEND A SIMILAR NUMBER OF JUNIOR FACUTLY MEMBERS TO LOCK HAVEN FOR ONE ACADEMIC YEAR OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIP.

2. LOCK HAVEN WAS INITIALLY CONTACTED ABOUT AN EXCHANGE WITH A POLISH UNIVERSITY BY PROGESSOR JACEK FISIAK DURING ACADEMIC YEAR 1974/75 WHEN PROFESSOR FISIAK WAS IN THE U.S. THE CONTEMPLATED PROGRAM WITH ADAM MICKIEWICZ UNIVERSITY IN POZNAN, PROFESSOR FISIAK'S INSTITUTION, FELL THROUGH WHEN IT FAILED TO RECEIVE MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MINEDUC) APPROVAL. WE LEARNED OF THIS DEVELOPMENT  
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AND URGED THE MIN EDUC TO SEEK ANOTHER PARTNER POLISH

UNIVERSITY FOR LOCK HAVE, SUGGESTING MCSU WHICH HERETOFORE HAS HAD NO FORMAL EXCHANGE WITH AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS. LOCK HAVEN PRESIDENT HAMBLIN VISITED POLAND IN APRIL FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH MINEDUC AND MCSU OFFICIALS AND WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED. WE CONSULTED WITH MINEDUC AND MCSU OFFICIALS BEFORE. DURING, AND AFTER HIS VISIT AND FOUND THEM EAGER TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT.

3. THE INSTITUTE OF ENGLISH PHILOLOGY AT MCSU WILL SET UP SPECIAL COURSES IN POLISH LANGUAGE, HISTORY, AND CULTURE FOR VISITING LOCK HAVEN STUDENTS AND ASSIGN STUDENT AND FACULTY ADVISORS TO EACH LOCK HAVEN STUDENT TO SEE THAT THEY QUICKLY SETTLE INTO LIFE ON THE LUBLIN CAMPUS.

4. WE ARE PLEASED WITH THE ENTHUSIASM SHOWN IN BOTH THE MINEDUC AND IN THE MCSU ADMINISTRATION FOR THIS NEW PROGRAM AND BELIEVE THAT IT IS OFF TO A GOOD START.  
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